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***Amendment***

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5568

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***"An Act Implementing The Recommendations Of The  
Blue Ribbon Commission To Study Affordable Housing  
Regarding Flexible Housing And Community  
Development Programs."***

1 In line 27, strike "community development"

2 Strike line 28 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

3 "infrastructure, facilities and amenities incidental and pertinent to  
4 the provision of affordable housing and intended primarily to serve  
5 the residents of the affordable housing project, that may include, but  
6 not be limited to, a community room, laundry, day care space,  
7 computer center, management office or playground."

8 In line 41, after "(B)" insert "the ability of the project to meet the  
9 housing needs of the lowest income populations; (C)" and reletter the  
10 remaining subparagraphs accordingly

11 In line 52, before "; and" insert ", except in the case of a nonprofit  
12 entity or a housing authority created pursuant to section 8-40 of the  
13 general statutes"

14 In line 55, after "(2)" insert "(A)"

15 In line 56, strike "joint standing" and insert in lieu thereof "select"

16 After line 61, insert the following:

17 "(B) On or before December 31, 2000, and quarterly thereafter, the  
18 commissioner shall submit a report to the Housing Advisory  
19 Committee, which report shall include a description of each project  
20 funded under this program, the sources of financing for each project,  
21 the relevant factors considered by the commissioner pursuant to this  
22 subsection in determining to provide such funding, and such other  
23 information as the Housing Advisory Committee may request."

24 In line 67, before "costs" insert "eligible"

25 In line 75, before "costs" insert "eligible"

26 Strike lines 89 to 95, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the  
27 following in lieu thereof:

28 "(f) (1) The commissioner may take all reasonable steps and exercise  
29 all available remedies necessary or desirable to protect the obligations  
30 or interests of the state, including, but not limited to, amending any  
31 term or condition of a contract or agreement, provided such  
32 amendment is allowed or agreed to pursuant to such contract or  
33 agreement, or purchasing or redeeming, pursuant to foreclosure  
34 proceedings, bankruptcy proceedings or in other judicial proceedings,  
35 any property on which such commissioner or the department holds a  
36 mortgage or other lien, or in which such commissioner or the  
37 department has an interest."

38 In line 100, strike "shall"

39 In line 101, strike "have the power to" and insert in lieu thereof  
40 "may"

41 After line 197, insert the following:

42 "Sec. 6. Public act 99-258 is repealed and the following is substituted  
43 in lieu thereof:

44 Whenever a developer or a housing authority intends to construct a  
45 public housing project [which is subject] that falls within the exception  
46 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development  
47 site and neighborhood standards for public housing placement  
48 pursuant to [24 CFR 941.202] 24 CFR 941.202(c)(1)(i)(A) or (B), such  
49 developer or housing authority shall: (1) Publish a description of the  
50 project plan, including but not limited to, a physical description of the  
51 project, a description of the families to be served by the project, a  
52 description of existing neighborhood support services, a projection of  
53 the impact of the project on existing services, and a description of such  
54 developer's or authority's plan to introduce new services or to upgrade  
55 or increase existing services in order to successfully integrate the  
56 project and its residents into the neighborhood; such description shall  
57 be published at least twice, once not less than thirty days prior to the  
58 hearing required by this section, and once not less than fourteen days  
59 prior to such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
60 municipality in which such project is planned, and a sign shall be  
61 posted in a conspicuous place on the property on which such project is  
62 planned, stating the date and time of such public hearing; (2) hold a  
63 public hearing for residents in the neighborhoods affected by the  
64 proposed public housing project; and (3) identify the specific activities  
65 to be provided in meeting its obligation under federal law to assure  
66 that the housing will be accessible to social, recreational, educational,  
67 commercial, and health facilities and services and other municipal  
68 facilities and services equivalent to neighborhoods with unassisted  
69 standard housing. If a public hearing required by federal or state law is  
70 conducted which meets the requirements of this section, such public  
71 hearing shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this section.

72 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 8-385 of the general statutes is  
73 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

74 (b) The Housing Advisory Committee shall: (1) Advise the General

75 Assembly, the Governor, the Commissioner of Economic and  
76 Community Development and the Connecticut Housing Finance  
77 Authority on matters relating to housing programs and policies; (2)  
78 provide legislative recommendations relating to housing matters to the  
79 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the  
80 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and the General Assembly; (3)  
81 monitor the housing-related activities of the regional planning  
82 agencies under chapter 127; [and] (4) provide oversight for activities  
83 undertaken by such commissioner pursuant to the program  
84 established in section 1 of this act; and (5) promote coordination on  
85 housing matters among state agencies."